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SUBJECT: FLATHEAD/CABIN CREEK COAL MINING PROJECT

1. MODIFICATIONS TO THE CABINE CREEK MINING PROPOSAL ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY RIO ALGOM LIMITED, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM AN ALLEDGEDLY SECRET PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT LEAKED TO THE VANCOUVER SUN AND EXCERPTED ON JANUARY 15. THE NEWS REPORT STATES THAT A COMPANY OFFICIAL CONFIRMS THAT RIO ALGOM HAS DROPPED PLANS FOR ITS OWN ON-SITE THERMAL GENERATING PLANT AND WILL INSTEAD PURCHASE POWER FROM A B.C. HYDRO SUBSTATION NEAR FERNIE. THE RIO ALGOM OFFICIAL SAID THIS MODIFICATION WOULD BE CHEAPER FOR THE COMPANY AND LESS POLLUTING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

2. THE OFFICIAL ALSO REVEALED THAT RIO ALGOM IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO HALVE THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF THE MINE FROM 3 MILLION TONS/ANNUM TO 1.5 MILLION TONS/ANNUM WITH A CONSEQUENT REDUCTION IN MINE AND PLANT SIZE. THE RIO ALGOM SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE COMPANY WILL DECIDE WHICH PRODUCTION SCHEME IT WILL ADOPT IN SEVERAL MONTH'S TIME AND THEN PRESENT ITS PLANS TO THE B.C. GOVERNMENT.

3. NEWSPAPER CLIPPING BEING SENT TO EUR/CAN AND EMBASSY.

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